

ANCA stores, moves land mines



Anniston Chemical Activity (ANCA) employees, like those here, have safely moved more than 358,400 chemical munitions to the Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (ANCDF) for processing. (Abrams)



*VX munition demilitarization continues safely
Land mines contain more than 5 quarts of VX*

Westinghouse Anniston Munitions Handler Patrick Oswalt inspects an M23 VX land mine prior to loading it on a conveyor Nov. 5, 2008. Each mine is inspected prior to being processed by robotic equipment within the Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (ANCDF). Anniston workers have safely demilitarized more than 53 percent of the chemical munitions stored at Anniston Army Depot. (Sholin)



*ANCDF operations have emptied 98 igloos
Anniston stockpile reduced by 54 percent*

Key Messages

- ◆ The Anniston chemical munition stockpile is safely stored and maintained by the employees of the Anniston Chemical Activity (ANCA) under the command of Lt.Col. Andrew M. Herbst.
- ◆ Disposal is safer than indefinite storage.
- ◆ Since 1990, more than 15,420 tons of chemicals and more than 2,179,700 munitions have been safely incinerated at U.S. Army facilities.
- ◆ The U.S. Army *IS* committed to the safety of the community and the environment.

Anniston Milestones

- ◆ **December 15, 2008:** Disposal operations have safely processed 40,435 VX M23 land mines and 52,318 gallons of nerve agent.
- ◆ **September 27, 2008:** ANCDF employees reach the 50 percent mark for safely demilitarizing the Anniston chemical munitions stockpile.
- ◆ **July 23, 2006 ~ May 24, 2008:** All 139,581 VX projectiles, 35,662 VX rockets, and 131,361 gallons of VX are safely demilitarized.
- ◆ **August 9, 2003 ~ March 2, 2006:** All 142,428 GB munitions and 96,246 gallons of GB nerve agent safely demilitarized.
- ◆ **1997 ~ 2003:** Westinghouse Anniston constructs and tests the ANCDF.
- ◆ **1997:** U.S. ratifies weapons treaty.



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